

MEXICAN LEADERS WANT INQUIRY INTO GERMAN INTRIGUE

Charging that Germany, through Minister Von Eckhardt, violated Mexican neutrality, and between September, 1916, and December 1, 1917, paid Rafael Martinez, editor of El Demócrata, more than three million pesos, Mexican deputies are seeking to force an investigation of Teutonic intrigue.

President Palavicini, of the senate, according to dispatches received today, will lead the fight to deprive Martinez of his citizenship, the penalty prescribed by the Mexican constitution.

Beside being editor of El Demócrata, Mexico City, Martinez is a member of the chamber of deputies. He has admitted charges made by El Universal, a pro-Spanish publication, that his paper is subsidized by Germany, the dispatch states.

REPORTED LOOTING OF HOLY CITY IS CONFIRMED HERE

State Department officials here are today forced to accept as true reports of the looting of holy places in Jerusalem by the Turks, following official dispatches from France.

Not only did the Turks carry off priceless treasures from the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, but Christians are said to have been brutally treated just before the evacuation forced by the British.

Father Picard, an Italian priest, is reported to have died from the effects of Turkish brutality, and Monsignor Camassei, patriarch of Jerusalem, was deported from office.

The Church of the Holy Sepulcher was consecrated in the year 336, on the traditional spot where Christ arose from the dead. In the year 614 the Persians destroyed the original building, but another was erected. Since that time it had been unscathed.

NEW SERBIAN MISSION ARRIVES IN AMERICA

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Dec. 20.—A new Serbian war mission, headed by M. Vesutt, arrived here today on a transatlantic steamship. The delegation will go to Washington immediately. The object of their visit was not revealed.

"DRY CHICAGO" LEADERS URGE "BOOZELESS WEEK"

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Mayor Thompson has been asked by the dry Chicago federation to proclaim a "boozeless week" beginning Christmas. It was estimated that \$2,500,000 spent for drinks would be saved.

Interior Department Workers in Red Cross Drive



Secretary Lane's employees, that are taking a prominent part in the Christmas membership campaign, with Latimer B. Stine, chairman, for the executive departments on the general committee, and Alvah W. Patterson, chairman of the Interior Department committee.

standing in the center of the first line. The workers are grouped in front of the Interior Department building under the service flag, which shows that 684 men of the department were in the army and navy on December 1.

AMERICAN WOMAN AWARDED FAMOUS CROIX DE GUERRE

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Dr. Jane Craven, of Evanston, today is believed to be the first American woman to be honored with the French Croix de Guerre.

The cross has been bestowed upon her by the French government for aiding and rescuing wounded under fire, according to word received in Evanston from Mrs. Charles Hazard, of New York, sister of Dr. Craven.

CAMOUFLAGE WHISKEY IN CAR OF TOMBSTONES

WICHITA FALLS, Tex., Dec. 20.—"From the tombs comes a significant odor," said one revenue officer to another here. They were standing near a car of tombstones en route to the Mountain View, Okla., cemetery. Closer investigation led to the discovery of a case of whiskey among the stones. Two negroes have been arrested in connection with the affair, and charges of violating the internal revenue law have been made against them.

PERSHING STRICT, SEVERE, BUT FAIR TO HIS SOLDIERS

By J. W. FEELEY.

WITH THE AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY ARMY, FRANCE, Dec. 20.—A swirling cloud of dust broke into the landscape where the road meets the horizon. It swept down the hill into the valley at forty miles an hour and drew up in front of battalion headquarters. An officer stepped out of the leading automobile—a splendidly proportioned man of medium height, bearing his square-cut shoulders at the West Point angle. On his epaulet he wore four silver stars; a gold shield shone on each side of his collar.

Word flew through the camp that General Pershing was in town. After a minute's greeting from the battalion commander the general started out with him to inspect the camp. Staff officers trailed after, taking long, fast strides to keep pace with the vigorous, gray-haired commander-in-chief.

Rookie Corrected. "Tension!" the mess sergeant bawled as the general hove in sight of the kitchen from around a corner. The cooks dropped their pots as though the handles had been red hot and came to attention. The sergeant's salute was a model and General Pershing returned the same recognition.

One recruit who never had seen General Pershing let his eyes wander to the aide as he stood there beside the steaming dishes filled with stew. Unlucky recruit. "That man hasn't learned the first principle of soldiering," sneered General Pershing, pointing to the dazed youngster. "Look at him—staring around when he ought to be standing at attention. Sergeant, take him outside, show him the proper position and make an example of him. Make him stand at attention in the roadway for five minutes."

Many Questions. The sergeant obeyed. Then the general inspected the kitchen. "Where do you dump your refuse? Is it covered up? Do you get enough vegetables? What meat did you have yesterday—the day before—the day before that? He shot at the sergeant so quickly, so sharply that the non-com's answers sounded like stuttering.

For the rest of the day it was just like that. The whirlwind swept through fifteen towns—across a dozen training fields. Everyone felt relieved when Pershing left. But the results were pronounced the next day. When a Sammy came to attention he came to attention right. Men sprang to their feet with the snap of a steel spring when an officer passed them in the street. Garbage tubs that hadn't been covered were covered the next day, and discipline had taken a sudden spring upward.

His office is in the center of a big building with the other departmental offices ranging for a block in two directions. Room 31 is where the general works. There he sits at his desk, in a hard, straight-back office chair, push-button and telephone within arm's reach, directing, consulting, issuing his departmental orders with the same inflexible, battering-ramp spirit that brought him to the head of America's greatest army, now in his making.

He is strict, severe. Yet, they tell of a dough-boy who rolled out camp down in Mexico, famished for food after thirty-six hours on the road without a bite. He walked into a tent, sat down and asked the officer for something to eat. The officer heard he was a dough-boy and himself went to the cook shack and ordered the cook to prepare a dinner for the dough-boy.

Gains Soldiers' Respect. "Do you know who that was?" the cook asked, as he shoved a steak at the hungry lad. "Nope," between mouthfuls of hash. "That was General Pershing." That Sammy, still in the army, wears General Pershing is the great of soldier ever.

Perhaps because of it perhaps in spite of his soldierly conduct in public, General Pershing is different. If it depended on his speeches he couldn't be elected dog-catcher of a country village. He is a soldier, not a orator—yet in his position abroad he has frequently come through situations requiring the exercise of high qualities of statesmanship and diplomacy. At mess "shop-talk" is taboo. Art, literature, sports—anything but the rushing, destroying business of war is any of its phases may occupy the meal-hour. The mess consists of general Pershing, another general, two colonels and a captain at mess. When the day's work is done—when the department heads have reported with their recommendations, their new ideas, their progress or reverses, the general goes riding. Perhaps he gets into his machine and oils to a lonely wooded spot with a major who has his confidence. If so, they dismount and walk through the woods, miles from the worries of the army. The general may walk five miles at a brisk pace, meeting the automobile again at the other side of the forest or across a valley. He keeps physically fit—a strong man, perhaps more of a strong-vigorous younger officers at headquarters. A big job and a heavy load, General Pershing's. But those shoulders were built to carry heavy loads.

D. C. FIRMS GIVE EMPLOYEES LARGE HOLIDAY BONUSES

Christmas, 1917, will be made happier than usual for hundreds of bank clerks, store workers, telegraph operators, and messengers in Washington who will receive cash bonuses from their employers.

In some cases the Yuletide spirit of "it is more blessed to give than to receive" has prompted these wholesale gifts, and in other cases recognition of the greatly increased cost of living is responsible. No matter what the cause, practically all of Washington's progressive banks and business houses have remembered their employees in a substantial manner this year—either through Christmas bonuses or salary bonuses which have been in effect for some time.

Extra Week's Salary. Woodward & Lothrop will give an extra week's salary to all employees who have been on the payroll since September 1. Employees who were not employed until after September 1 are divided into two classes. The senior employees, as the older workers are called, will receive \$5 each, and the junior employees, as the bundle wrappers and other young boys and girls are designated, will receive \$2.50 each. These presents will be made in cash on Christmas Eve.

Laneburg & Brother have been giving every employee a 10 per cent monthly bonus since last October. S. Kann, Sons & Co. will give an extra week's salary to those who have been employed by the firm since September 15.

Employees of the Western Union Telegraph Company in Washington will receive the annual bonus such as granted the company's employees all over the country. Even the messengers are included. These payments will be made January 1 as usual. A sliding scale will be put into effect and all employees will receive amounts proportionate to the length of their service with the company.

Will Give Bonuses. The American Security and Trust Company will donate amounts of \$25 and up to all employees, no matter how short a term in the service. Employees in the service bonus year or more will receive 10 per cent of their annual salary and amounts will be graded downward.

The Riggs National Bank gave an extra month's pay on December 1 to all employees. The Commercial National Bank has been giving a quarterly "war bonus" of 5 per cent since last May to all employees. This makes 20 per cent of their annual salary.

The Federal National Bank has just given a bonus of 10 per cent on the salary drawn during the year to every employee and officer with the exception of the president.

ALIEN ENEMY SUSPECT EXCLUDED FROM D. C.

Theodore George Werland, fifty-two years old, a steward on a Potomac river steamboat, arrested yesterday on suspicion of being an alien enemy, was taken by a deputy marshal to the Alexandria street car line terminus today and put on the car with instructions to report to the United States Marshal at Alexandria on his arrival there. Werland owns a farm near Sweetnam, Va., and will probably be permitted to reside there. He is the brother of John O'Meara, who came to this country when fourteen years old, and had always thought that his father had become a citizen of the United States in Philadelphia. Werland will be excluded from entering Washington pending the verification of his statement regarding his father's naturalization. United States Marshal Spaulding said he was satisfied that Werland did not mean to disobey the President's enemy alien proclamation.

WOMEN ORGANIZE PROTECTIVE LEAGUE FOR N. Y. GIRLS

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—A movement in this city by women to aid women—the strong to help the weak and the fallen—received considerable impetus yesterday at a meeting under the auspices of the Girls' Protective League of the New York Probation and Protective Association, in the Cosmopolitan Club, 135 East Fortieth street. Two hundred persons, many of them women of social prominence, attended the meeting.

A start was made toward raising a \$10,000 fund to pay the salaries of six professional workers, to be the nucleus of a city-wide volunteer feminine social workers' organization. The duty of these women is to follow up each case reported by the newly designated women's corps of the police department.

The war, with the presence of so many men in uniform in the city, has increased the importance of the problem of proper protection of young girls, speakers declared. Since the feminine members of the police department have been at work, now about two months, it was said, they have reported 1,543 girls found in the company of soldiers, sailors, and civilians with whom they had only a passing acquaintance. The police department is able only to take passing note of these cases, and it is to follow up and further protect the girls that the women here are organizing.

Police Commissioner Arthur Woods, Capt. Grant Williams, of the department of missing persons of the police department; Miss Maude E. Miner, chairman of the committee on the protection of girls, and Mrs. Sara C. Douglas, one of the new "protective officers with police power" of the police force, were the speakers.

Commissioner Woods said that prevention rather than remedy was what was needed to be worked for at the present time in dealing with the problem of the young girl who leaves her home, often to ally straight into a life of ruin.

The treasurer of the \$10,000 fund, to whom contributions may be sent, is Milton Einstein, 150 East Twenty-second street.

\$1,546,876 LEFT BY DIAMOND JIM; GIRLS GET PEARLS

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The gift of \$300,000 to Johns Hopkins Hospital, of Baltimore, has been formally recorded in the transfer tax appraisal of the estate of James Buchanan (Diamond Jim) Brady, who died on April 13, 1917. This is the second largest bequest recorded in the will, the principal beneficiary being the New York Hospital, which received \$463,941.

At the time of Mr. Brady's death his estate was estimated to be worth between \$2,000,000 and \$4,000,000, but tax appraisal in the surrogate court shows that the gross estate amounts to only \$1,546,876, most of which goes to public institutions.

Had Worthless Stocks. The bulk of Mr. Brady's estate was invested in stocks and bonds. His largest individual holdings were 2,500 shares of Mapping, Maxwell and Moore and 3,000 shares of Aurora Automatic Machinery Company. The appraisal found a large number of apparently worthless stocks and bonds.

The contest of Mr. Brady's will by several of the heirs who threaten to tie up the estate for several years notwithstanding the urgent need of funds by several of the public institutions mentioned in the will, was settled out of court on the basis of the tax appraisal. Mrs. Mary E. McGee, niece who was not mentioned in the Brady will, is to receive \$15,000, and Mrs. Hattie Mathieu, a sister, will receive \$50,000 outright instead of the income from a \$25,000 trust fund as provided in the will.

Actress Got Jewels. "Diamond Jim's" wardrobe, which shared honors with his famous collection of jewelry, was valued at \$11,907. Included in this amount were 41 dress waists, \$50; 23 canes and umbrellas, \$60; 71 pairs of shoes, \$400; 50 pairs of gloves, \$30; 30 pairs of winter coats, \$400; 16 cutaway suits, \$240; 6 dress suits, \$120; and 18 hats, \$25.

Although the greater part of the Brady jewels were sold to a wholesale jeweler last September for \$380,000, individual gifts were made to the Dolly Sisters, dancers, and their husbands. Rosika Dolly gets a pair of chain, valued at \$18,000, and her sister, Jennie Dolly, a pearl ring valued at \$7,500. Raymond Hitchcock and Charles S. Mellen, formerly president of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, were also named as beneficiaries in the vast collection of jewelry.

25 MAIL AUTOS BURN; XMAS SERVICE DELAYED

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Christmas mail deliveries were seriously interfered with in Brooklyn today by the burning of twenty-five automobile mail trucks. The drum fire of exploding gasoline tanks in the fire that followed the ignition of the tank of one of the cars sounded like a battle.

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Denmark's midwinter darkness will be relieved by American Kerosene. It was officially stated today the embargo will be lifted to permit six Danish vessels now in American ports to sail with lighting fuel.

Denmark is wrapped in darkness twenty hours out of each twenty-four at this season. No foodstuffs will go in the vessels. Other Danish vessels, previously tied up at this country's ports by the American embargo, have entered the South American trade, relieving allied tonnage for war purposes.

FIFTEEN DAYS IS SENTENCE GIVEN "DRY" VIOLATOR

Only one sentence for 'intoxication' was given out in Police Court today. One case was dismissed and one man forfeited collateral for failing to appear in answer to charges.

The case against Ernest Tyler, twenty-one years old, was dismissed. According to testimony given in the case by the defendant and two of his friends that were with him at the time of his arrest, Tyler had just enlisted in the Aviation Corps and had his papers with orders to report for training in his pocket. He admitted having taken two drinks of whiskey before leaving home in the morning, but denied having had any liquor between that time and the time of his arrest.

Sergeant Wiseman, U. S. A., who recruited the boy, and Mrs. Mary H. Bruce, a witness of the arrest, both testified as to his sobriety. Mrs. Bruce said also that Tyler was accorded brutal treatment by the officer who arrested him. The case was dismissed after a trial of more than an hour. James H. Hawkins received a sentence of fifteen days, and Patrick Quirk forfeited \$25 collateral for charges of drunkenness.

20 FIREMEN HURT, \$200,000 LOSS, IN WATERFRONT BLAZE

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Twenty firemen were injured, several of them seriously, early today, in a terrific back draft during a fire in a five-story building occupied by the New York Cordage Company on the East river front. The loss is estimated at \$200,000.

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